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Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.

Title: MULTIPLE PASS OPTIMIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC  
ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT PLACEMENT

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

**Initial Comments**

Claims 12-18 are pending in the present application.  
Claims 12-18 are allowed. Claims 1-11 and 19-20 are cancelled  
herein.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 1-11 and 19-20.

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